

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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COMMANDER MARITIME AIR ALLIED NAVAL FORCES SOUTH

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## COMFAIRMED INSTRUCTION 5100.2D

Subj: COMFAIRMED SAFETY PROGRAM

Ref:

- (a) COMNAVAIRLANTINST 1650.3D
- (b) OPNAVINST 3100.6G
- (c) OPNAVINST 3750.6Q
- (d) COMNAVAIRLANTINST 3750.30P
- (e) COMNAVAIRLANTINST 4602.1A
- (f) COMNAVAIRLANTINST 4740.1A
- (g) CINCUSNAVEURINST 5100.2D
- (h) OPNAVINST 5100.8G
- (i) CINCUSNAVEURINST 5100.12B
- (j) OPNAVINST 5100.12F
- (k) OPNAVINST 5100.23E
- (1) COMNAVAIRLANTINST 5100.32C
- (m) OPNAVINST 5102.1C
- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To define the areas of responsibility and objectives of the Fleet Air Mediterranean Safety Program.
- 2. Cancellation. COMFAIRMEDINST 5100.2C
- 3. <u>Background</u>. The Naval Safety Program was established in an attempt to reduce the loss of readiness from accidental causes. Likewise, the first dedicated Aviation Safety Program was developed and has been instrumental in reducing the Navy/Marine Corps aviation mishap rate. Only a concerted effort by all personnel throughout the chain of command can counter the effects of aging equipment, increased equipment complexity, and increased operational requirements in order to decrease the number of mishaps.
- 4. Policy. COMFAIRMED missions shall be accomplished with SAFETY as the paramount consideration. Fleet Air Mediterranean activity commanders are encouraged to emulate the COMFAIRMED policy of "readiness through safety."
- 5. <u>Objectives</u>. Safety within a command is the inherent responsibility of the Commanding Officer. His or her attitudes, ideals, and policies must be conveyed through a strong command safety program that covers hazard detection, hazard elimination,

and safety information management. All COMFAIRMED commands will implement programs which integrate, but are not limited to, these concepts:

- a. The development of assertive programs to positively motivate personnel in mishap prevention in the areas of aviation, ground and occupational safety.
- b. The enhancement of operational readiness, comprehensive safety training and mission accomplishment through positive and aggressive safety and risk management programs of mishap prevention, both at work and in the home.
- c. The establishment of safety and risk management information channels linking COMFAIRMED command safety and risk management information with seniors in the chain of command.
- d. Concerted efforts in the attainment of an ultimate COMFAIRMED goal: ZERO mishaps in all safety areas through active risk management.

# 6. Regional and Local Coordination Assignments

a. Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean is the Regional Area Coordinator of the Naval Safety Program for all naval activities located ashore in all countries in the Mediterranean littoral (less Egypt but to include Portugal) and all countries and islands in the Mediterranean Sea (e.g., Sardinia, Crete, etc.), including those assigned to the Local Area Coordinators.

### b. Local Area Coordinators:

- (1) Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Activities, Spain, Rota, Spain Responsible for the Naval Safety Program for U.S. Naval facilities, activities and commands located ashore in Portugal and Spain.
- (2) Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Support Activity, Naples, Italy Responsible for the Naval Safety Program for U.S. Naval facilities, activities and commands located ashore on the mainland of Italy.
- (3) Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Sicily, Italy Responsible for the Naval Safety Program for U.S. Naval facilities, activities and commands located ashore on the island of Sicily.
- (4) Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Support Activity, La Maddalena, Sardinia, Italy Responsible for the Naval Safety

Program for U.S. Naval facilities, activities and commands located ashore on the island of Sardinia.

(5) Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Support Activity, Souda Bay, Crete - Responsible for the Naval Safety Program for U.S. Naval facilities, activities and commands located ashore in Greece and on the island of Crete.

## 7. Responsibilities

- a. The Regional Area Coordinator shall:
- (1) Provide regional oversight and assistance to Local Area Coordinators in the implementation of their individual safety and risk management programs.
  - (2) Review and/or endorse all mishap investigations and hazard reports of lost time injuries.
  - (3) Provide the means for exchange of safety information and risk management among regional commands, activities and units.
  - (4) Administer the safety competitive program and recommend a nominee for the Annual Safety Award.
    - b. The Local Area Coordinators shall:
  - (1) Provide local oversight and assistance to tenant and area commands in the implementation of their individual safety programs.
  - (2) Provide the means for exchange of safety and risk management information among tenant and area commands and activities.
  - c. All COMFAIRMED Commanding Officers shall implement and maintain an aggressive safety program according to the provisions of this instruction and references (a) through (m). While programs are expected to vary between commands, they shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:
    - (1) Risk management program,
    - (2) Pre-mishap plan,
    - (3) Hazard detection, reporting and elimination,
    - (4) Safety education and training,

- (5) Safety awards, motivation and incentives,
- (6) NATOPS program (if applicable),
- (7) Mishap investigation and reporting,
- (8) Fire prevention,
- (9) Traffic safety,
- (10) Shipboard safety (if applicable),
- (11) Hazardous materials handling, usage and stowage, and
- (12) Personal safety and health. (Sub-elements include sight conservation, hearing conservation, respiratory protection, foot protection and personal protective equipment.)

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